

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 4, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Parsons in the Chair, *pro tem*.

Roll call.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

Senator Priest presented a petition of B. J. Riddle and others, asking for a charter to build a bridge across the Neches river.

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator Dohoney presented a petition of George W. Wright, asking for special relief.

Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Alford presented a petition of D. W. Hancock for relief.

Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Senator Priest, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary, offered the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 4, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "Joint Resolution, No. 6," to authorize officers elect to act under existing laws, etc., have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the same back and recommend its passage, with the accompanying amendment :

Amend by adding "And that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Report received.

On motion Joint Resolution, No. 6, was placed on first reading.

Senator Bowers moved the suspension of the rules, to bring the resolution to a second reading.

Carried.

On motion of Senator Flanagan it was ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Latimer moved to strike out the word constables.

Lost.

Rules suspended, read third time and passed.

Under direction of the President *pro tem*, the Secretary carried the same to the House of Representatives, and informed them the Senate had passed the same and request their concurrence.

Senator Alford presented a joint resolution instructing Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, granting the right of suffrage to all persons without regard to sex, race or color.

Referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

Senator Bell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President, as our Sergeant-at-Arms has leave of absence for fifteen days, be authorized to appoint a second-assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the same period.

Carried.

Senator Ruby introduced a bill entitled an act to provide for the Geological and Agricultural survey of the State.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Senator Flanagan introduced a bill entitled an act for the relief of the Eastern Texas Railroad Company.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Baker introduced a bill entitled an act repealing all laws passed from and after February 1st, 1861.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gaines introduced a joint resolution to prevent lawlessness and crime in the State of Texas.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Parsons introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate Jefferson, Marshall and Big Cypress Bayou Bridge Company.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Parsons introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Germania Land and Improvement Association.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Parsons introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Germania Savings, Trust and Exchange Company.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Parsons introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate the City Bank of Houston.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Bell introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company.

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator Bell introduced a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Cedar Creek Bridge Company.

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Communication from Camillus Jones, first assistant secretary of the Senate :

AUSTIN, May 4, 1870.

To the President and

Gentlemen of the Senate :

Thanking you for the honor conferred in electing me to the position as first assistant secretary of this body, I have to request of you the acceptance of my resignation herewith tendered, as the duties of the office to which I have been elected in Colorado county require my immediate attention.

Very respectfully,

CAMILLUS JONES,

First Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Fountain moved the resignation be received and accepted.
Carried.

Senator Flanagan moved that the Senate go into the election of first assistant secretary of the Senate to-morrow at one o'clock, P. M.
Carried.

Senator Ruby offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be and are hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the reporting and printing of the debates of this body.

Carried.

Senator Flanagan moved to add Senators Broughton and Bowers to Committee on Indian Affairs and Frontier Protection.

Carried.

Senator Cole moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, M.

Carried.
